



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

August 8, 2002

**H.R. 1712**

**An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make adjustments to the boundary of the National Park of American Samoa to include certain portions of the islands of Ofu and Olosega within the park**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
on July 31, 2002*

H.R. 1712 would allow the National Park Service (NPS) to modify the boundary of the National Park of American Samoa if the lands and adjacent waters to be added to the park can be leased by the federal government.

Based on information provided by the NPS and assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1712 would cost the federal government less than \$500,000 annually beginning within a year following enactment. This amount would be used to lease and manage up to about 1,500 acres of land on the islands of Ofu and Olosega. (An additional 1,500 acres of adjacent waters might also be leased, at no cost to the government.)

H.R. 1712 would not affect direct spending; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. The legislation contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

On March 5, 2002, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 1712 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on February 27, 2002. The two versions of the legislation are identical, as are the cost estimates.

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